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Commissioner for Patents
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LETTER

Sir:

Attached for the Examiner's consideration is an Official Letter from the Taiwan Patent Office and an English translation of a Search Report dated July 8, 2009 from co-pending Taiwan Patent Application No. 92129139, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional 60/419,873. The instant application is a national phase application from PCT Application No. PCT/US2003/033353, which also claims priority to the same U.S. Provisional 60/419,837. All the references cited in the Taiwan Patent Office's Official Letter and Search Report have been previously cited and made of record in the instant application.

In addition to the English translation of the Search Report, Applicant also sets forth immediately below an English translation of the Official Letter for the Examiner's consideration. But Applicant makes no representation as to the accuracy of the English translations of the Official Letter and the Search Report.

BEGIN ENGLISH TRANSLATION

In the Taiwan Official Letter, the Examiner adduces EP0945916 A2, US5817583, US2002/0033561 A1 (now issued as US6890970 and cited previously as US6890970), US2002/0014748 A1, US 4555422, US5841067, and US 4299873 (hereafter referred to as D1-D7, respectively) as basis to negate the inventive step of the claimed invention, with particular reference to the passages and/or drawings therein as follows:

Objected to Claims	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7
1	Abstract						
2~3	Abstract; Claim 4; Lines 31~32 of Page 5 of the Specification						
4~5	Abstract; Lines 48~50 of Page 3 of the Specification						
6	Abstract; Lines 42~43 of Page 3 of the Specification	Abstract					
7~9	Abstract		Figure 1				
10~11	Abstract		Figure 1; Lines 6~10 of Page 2 of the Specification	Claim 1			
12	Abstract		Figure 1		Lines 7~8 of Column 6		
13	Abstract		Figure 1				
14~16	Abstract		Figure 1; Lines 1~3 of				

			[0007] and Lines 4~7 of [0012] of the Specification				
17~18	Abstract		Figure 1; [0020] of the Specification				
19	Abstract; Lines 42~43 of Page 3 of the Specification	Abstract					
20~21	Abstract		Figure				
22~26	Abstract					Lines 37~41 of Column 7	Lines 21~22 of Column 5
27~28	Abstract		Figure 1				
29~31	Abstract; Lines 1~2 of [0037] of the Specification						

Based on the above, the Examiner concludes that a skilled artisan can readily contrive according to the common knowledge in the related art, the claimed invention as defined in Claims 1-5, 8-9, 13 and 29-31 in view of D1; Claims 6 and 19 in view of D1 and D2; Claim 7, 14-18, 20-21 and 27-28 in view of D1 and D3; claims 10 and 11 in view of D1, D3 and D4; Claim 12 in view of D1 and D5; and claims 22-26 in view of D1, D6 and D7.

In the Office Action, the Examiner further points out that the “equipment-operating temperatures” recited in Claim 16 is vague.

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In addition, Applicant does not believe that any fee is due for this filing as Applicant is merely providing copies of an Official Letter and Search Report for which all of the cited references are already of record in the instant application. Moreover, this Letter (and attached Official Letter and Search Report) are being filed before the mailing

date of either any Final Office Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution; and the undersigned hereby certifies that the attached Official Letter and Search Report are from a foreign patent office (i.e., Taiwanese patent office) in a counterpart foreign application (i.e., Taiwan Patent Application No. 92129139) was received not more than three months prior to this filing (See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1)); and the undersigned hereby states that the Official Letter and Search Report are from a foreign patent office (i.e., Taiwanese patent office) in a counterpart foreign application (i.e., Taiwan Patent Application No. 92129139) and that the Official Letter and Search Report were not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this Letter.

This filing is being made only in the interest of candor and without any admission that it contains statutory prior art, contain matter which anticipates the invention, or which would render the same obvious, either singly or in combination, to a person of ordinary skill in the art. Furthermore, the filing of this letter shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made.

Applicant believes that he does not owe any fee in connection with this filing. If, however, Applicant does owe any fee(s), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee(s) to Deposit Account No. **08-0750**. In addition, if there is ever any other fee deficiency or overpayment under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or 1.17 in connection with this patent application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such deficiency or overpayment to Deposit Account No. **08-0750**.

Respectfully submitted,

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